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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CRIMINAL CASE No. 3:08-CR-1275 H
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Plaintiff,)	DATE: May 27, 2008
)	TIME: 2:00 P.M.
)	
v.)	GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE AND
)	OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS
)	
NAPOLEON ZEPEDA-MONTES,)	[9-1] TO COMPEL DISCOVERY; AND
)	[9-2] LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER MOTIONS
Defendant.)	
)	TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF THE
)	FACTS AND THE MEMORANDUM OF
)	POINTS AND AUTHORITIES, AND
)	GOVERNMENT'S MOTIONS FOR:
)	
)	(1) RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY

COMES NOW, the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, KAREN P. HEWITT, United States Attorney, and Stewart M. Young, Assistant United States Attorney, hereby files its Response and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Discovery and its Motion for Reciprocal Discovery. This response and motion is based upon the files and records of the case together with the attached statement of facts and memorandum of points and authorities.

I

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On April 23, 2008, the Government filed a one-count indictment charging Alberto Moreno-

1 Gomez ("Defendant") with violating 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b), attempted entry by a deported alien.
2 On April 24, 2008, Defendant was arraigned on the Indictment and entered a plea of not guilty.

3 II

4 STATEMENT OF FACTS

5 On March 29, 2008, at approximately 7:00 a.m., Defendant Napoleon Zepeda-Montes
6 ("Defendant") applied for admission into the United States through the San Ysidro, California, Port of
7 Entry. He applied for entry through the pedestrian lanes at the Port of Entry. At the time, defendant
8 presented a Permanent Resident I-551 Resident Alien card bearing his name and photo. He stated to
9 officers that he was going to La Puente, California.

10 The Customs and Border Protection officer at the pedestrian lane queried defendant's I-551 card
11 with the card reader and found that defendant's card was not valid for use. At secondary inspection,
12 defendant's fingerprints confirmed defendant's identity as a previously deported alien without
13 permission to re-enter the United States. Records confirmed that defendant had been deported from the
14 United States on August 17, 2006.

15 Defendant was read his Miranda rights and agreed to speak to agents. Defendant admitted he
16 was a citizen of Mexico and that he had been deported by an Immigration Judge. He further admitted
17 that he had not obtained permission to re-enter the United States and that he was heading to reunite with
18 his family. He further stated that while serving his prison sentence in the United States that he received
19 a Permanent Resident Alien Card by mail at his family's residence. After he was deported, his sister sent
20 him the card by mail. He further admitted that he knew it was illegal to attempt to enter into the United
21 States after deportation.

22 III

23 GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR DISCOVERY

24 The United States intends to fully comply with its discovery obligations under Brady v.
25 Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Jenks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150
26 (1972), and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The United States will also comply
27 with its obligations pursuant to United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991). Thus far, the
28 United States has produced over sixty pages of discovery as well as a tape of the Defendant's post-

1 Miranda statements.

2 The United States recognizes its obligation under Rule 16(a)(1)(A) and 16(a)(1)(B) to provide
3 to Defendant the substance of Defendant's oral statements and Defendant's written statements. The
4 United States has produced all of Defendant's oral and written statements that are known to the
5 undersigned Assistant U.S. Attorney at this date. If the United States discovers additional written or oral
6 statements that require disclosure under Rule 16(a)(1)(A) or Rule 16(a)(1)(B), such statements will be
7 provided to Defendant.

8 Should the United States seek to introduce any similar act evidence pursuant to Federal Rules
9 of Evidence 404(b) or 609, the United States will provide Defendant with official notice of its proposed
10 use of such evidence and information about such bad acts at the time the United States' trial
11 memorandum is filed.

12 The United States has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(C) in allowing
13 Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, copy and inspect physical evidence which
14 is within the possession, custody or control of the United States, and which is material to the preparation
15 of Defendant's defense or intended for use by the United States as evidence in chief at trial, or obtained
16 from or belongs to Defendant, including photographs. The United States will preserve all evidence to
17 which Defendant is entitled pursuant to the relevant discovery rules.

18 The United States will comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(G) and provide Defendant with a written
19 summary of any expert testimony that the United States intends to use during its case-in-chief at trial
20 under Federal Rules of Evidence 702, 703 or 705. The United States will also turn over evidence within
21 its possession which could be used to properly impeach a witness who has been called to testify.

22 As to defendant's specific requests, the United States' responses are as follows: Defendant
23 requested production of the video surveillance tapes from the San Ysidro Port of Entry on the date of
24 defendant's arrest. The AUSA previously assigned to the case requested preservation of any surveillance
25 tapes as of the date of Judge Battaglia's order, and the undersigned AUSA made a follow-up request for
26 these tapes. According to CBP, there was a problem with the underlying tapes prior to the preservation
27 order made by Judge Battaglia, and no tapes were actually preserved. The United States does not have
28 these tapes in its possession and is unable to produce those tapes due to the problems associated with

1 the taping at CBP pedestrian lane.

2 The United States has ordered a copy of the defendant's removal proceedings on August 17,
3 2006, and will provide a copy of this and any other removal proceedings once it is produced to this
4 office. The United States will comply with its obligations discussed above in reference to a viewing of
5 the A-File, but objects to any blanket order for a review of the A-File. The undersigned AUSA is well
6 aware of the discovery obligations regarding the A-File and will provide defense counsel with all
7 documents to be used in the case-in-chief, as well as any documents that might be Brady material, Jenks
8 material, or come under any other discovery obligations of Rule 16.

9 The United States will provide Defendant with any information it possesses with respect to
10 defendant's I-551 Resident Alien card, but objects to a request for the chain of custody evidence as to
11 this card. The United States objects to any order compelling the undersigned AUSA to "question all
12 government agencies and individuals that may possess such evidence or information to determine if such
13 evidence exists." Given the massive number of agencies in the federal government, the undersigned
14 AUSA objects to any such order, but will endeavor to track down any relevant information from the
15 pertinent agencies involved (ICE, CBP, legacy INS, etc).

16 Finally, the United States will comply with proper notice requirements of 404(b) evidence, but
17 objects to an order that such evidence *must* be provided at least two weeks in advance of trial.

18 IV

19 NO OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER 20 MOTIONS

21 The United States does not object to the granting of leave to allow Defendant to file further
22 motions, as long as the order applies equally to both parties and additional motions are based on newly
23 discovered evidence or discovery provided by the United States subsequent to the instant motion at issue.

24 V

25 MOTION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY

26 The United States hereby moves for reciprocal discovery from the Defendant. To date Defendant
27 has not provided any. The United States, pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
28 Procedure, requests that Defendant permit the United States to inspect, copy, and photograph any and

1 all books, papers, documents, photographs, tangible objects, or make copies of portions thereof, which
2 are within the possession, custody or control of Defendant and which Defendant intends to introduce as
3 evidence in their case-in-chief at trial.

4 The United States further requests that it be permitted to inspect and copy or photograph any
5 results or reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests or experiments made in
6 connection with this case, which are in the possession or control of Defendant, which Defendant intend
7 to introduce as evidence-in-chief at the trial, or which were prepared by a witness whom Defendants
8 intend to call as a witness. Because the United States will comply with Defendant's request for delivery
9 of reports of examinations, the United States is entitled to the items listed above under Rule 16(b)(1) of
10 the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The United States also requests that the Court make such order
11 as it deems necessary under Rules 16(d)(1) and (2) to ensure that the United States receives the discovery
12 to which it is entitled.

13 In addition, Rule 26.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure requires the production of prior
14 statements of all witnesses, except a statement made by Defendant. This rule thus provides for the
15 reciprocal production of Jencks statements. The time frame established by the rule requires the
16 statement to be provided after the witness has testified. To expedite trial proceedings, the United States
17 hereby requests that Defendant be ordered to supply all prior statements of defense witnesses by a
18 reasonable date before trial to be set by the Court. Such an order should include any form in which these
19 statements are memorialized, including but not limited to, tape recordings, handwritten or typed notes
20 and/or reports.

V

CONCLUSION

For the above stated reasons, the United States respectfully submits its Response and Opposition to Defendant's Motions for Discovery, and requests that its Motion for Reciprocal Discovery be granted.

DATED: May 20, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

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Defendants.)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, Stewart M. Young, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 880 Front Street, Room 6293, San Diego, California 92101-8893.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of the United States' Response and Opposition to Defendant's Motions for Discovery and its Motion for Reciprocal Discovery on the following parties by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

1. Joe McMullen, Esq.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 20, 2008.

s/ Stewart M. Young
Stewart M. Young